

Application No.: 10/024,544**Docket No.: 2038-282****AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph on page 5, beginning at line 16 as follows:

FIG. 1 a partially cutaway perspective view showing a diaper 1 as viewed from the side of a topsheet 2, FIG. 2 is a perspective view of a liquid-absorbent panel 4 as its first and second sub-panels 5, 6 have been separated from each other, FIG. 3 is sectional view taken along a line III-III in FIG. 1 and FIG. 4 is a sectional view taken along a line IV-IV in FIG. 1. In FIG. 1, a transverse direction is indicated by an arrow X and a longitudinal direction is indicated by an arrow Y. Expression "inner surfaces" of the top- and backsheets 2, 3 used herein should be understood to be the surfaces thereof facing the panel 4 and expression "outer surfaces" of these sheets 2, 3 should be understood to be those not facing the panel 4.

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